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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

Sue Rodriguez, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
Experian Services Corp., et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-cv-03553-R-MRW

**ORDER AWARDING LEAD
PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL
ATTORNEYS FEES AND
REIMBURSING EXPENSES**

Hon. Manuel Real

1 WHEREAS, the Court has granted final approval to the Settlement of the above-
2 referenced class action;

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4 WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, the Schwaba Law Firm and Nicholson
5 Law Firm, PA, appointed by the Court as Class Counsel for the purposes of the
6 Settlement have petitioned the Court for an award of attorneys' fees in
7 compensation for the services provided to Lead Plaintiffs and the Class, and
8 reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the prosecution of this
9 action, to be paid out of the Settlement Fund established pursuant to the Settlement;
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13 WHEREAS, the Court has reviewed the fee application and the supporting
14 materials filed therewith, and has heard the presentation made by Class Counsel
15 during the final approval hearing, and due consideration having been had thereon,
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17 NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered:
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- 19 1. Class Counsel are awarded \$650,000.00 as attorneys' fees in this action,
20 which includes their costs of prosecution of this action.
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22 2. Except as otherwise provided herein, the attorneys' fees shall be paid and
23 reimbursement of expenses shall be made in the manner and procedure
24 provided for in the stipulations of Settlement (Docket No. 49).
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26 3. Lead Plaintiffs shall be awarded \$2,000 for an incentive fee award and
27 reimbursement for their lost time in connection with their prosecution of this
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1 action.

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3 4. In making this award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses to be
4 paid from the Settlement Fund, the Court has considered and found that:

5 a. The Settlement has created a fund of \$2,000,000 in cash, and Class
6 members who file timely and valid claims will benefit from the
7 Settlement created by Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel;

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9 b. At least 2,685 copies of the Notice were disseminated to putative Class
10 members indicating that at the September 18, 2017 final approval
11 hearing, Lead Plaintiffs' counsel intended to seek a fee of up to 25% of
12 the Settlement Fund in attorneys' fees, and reimbursement of their
13 litigation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.

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16 c. The Notice was emailed and mailed to class members as required by
17 the Court, and no objection was filed against either the terms of the
18 proposed Settlement or the ceiling on fees and expenses to be
19 requested by Lead Plaintiffs' counsel;

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21 d. Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel have conducted this litigation and achieved
22 the Settlement;

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24 e. The litigation of this Action involved complex factual and legal issues
25 and was actively prosecuted since its filing, and in the absence of
26 Settlement, the Action would have continued to involve complex
27 factual and legal questions;
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- 1 f. If Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel had not achieved the Settlement, there was
2 a risk of either a smaller or no recovery; and
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4 g. Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel and additional Plaintiffs' Counsel have
5 devoted over 900 hours of professional time to the prosecution of this
6 Action, with a lodestar value of \$383,455.
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8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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10 Dated: September 19, 2017

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12 Hon. Manuel L. Real
13 United States District Judge
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